CBI SUBSTANTIATION For PMN, SNUN, TMEA, LVE, and LOREX filings

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Important: You are responsible for substantiating <u>each</u> data element you claim as CBI unless that item is exempt from the substantiation requirement according to TSCA section 14(c)(2). This template identifies the information that EPA considers to generally be exempt in this submission type. EPA expects that it will generally deny non-exempt CBI claims that are not substantiated, so recommends that the submitter carefully review the TSCA submission to assure that the substantiation addresses all CBI claims that require substantiation. The substantiation must also clearly indicate which CBI claim(s) it is intended to cover. In this template, similar data elements have been grouped together to permit substantiation of multiple such elements at one time.

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40 CFR § 2.208 specifies the substantive criteria that are used to determine whether information is entitled to confidential treatment. Among these criteria is the substantial competitive harm(s) that would be caused by public disclosure of the information that you have claimed as CBI. Failure to sufficiently explain this harm in the substantiation for any data element claimed as CBI may result in a denial of the CBI claim for that data element.

The "CBI Claim" column on this substantiation document is intended to be used to indicate that a CBI claim has been made for the corresponding information in the PMN form. Please verify that the information you indicate is claimed as CBI on this substantiation document is in fact claimed as CBI in the PMN form and/or attachments. This template cannot be used to assert a CBI claim that is not asserted in the PMN form.

I. COMPETITIVE HARM QUESTIONS			
Part I Section A Submitter Identification	CBI Claim	Substantiation (Explain how public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.)	
Signature and Date of Authorized Official (Page 2)	Y	Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. Once this product is	
Signature and Date of Agent (Page 2)		commercialized, we can't claim the chemical itself as CBI. Therefore, to keep a competitive edge in the market, we claim information related to our company and our identity as CBI. This	
Person Submitting Notice (Part I Section A.1.a)	>	breaks the link between the specific chemical and our unique use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using	
Agent (Part I Section A.1.b)		our specific methods to provide data to clients within 3-10 days, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods.	
Joint Submitter (Part I Section A.1.c)		Click or tap here to enter text.	
Technical Contact (Part I Section A.2)	Y	Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. Once this product is commercialized, we can't claim the chemical itself as CBI. Therefore, to keep a competitive edge in the market, we claim information related to our company and our identity as CBI. This breaks the link between the specific chemical and our unique use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods to provide data to clients within 3-10 days, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods.	
Pre-notice Communication (PC) (Part I Section A.3)		Click or tap here to enter text.	
Previously Submitted Exemption Application (Part I Section A.4)			
Previously Submitted Bona Fide (Part I Section A.5)			

Part I Section B Chemical Identity Information	CBI Claim	Substantiation (Explain how public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.)
Chemical Class (Part I Section B.1.a)	Y	Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. While Molecular Formula can't be kept CBI after commercialization, we claim this information as CBI prior to commercialization. We do this to avoid our competitor's knowing our future plans for new tracer products. Knowing the types of chemicals we are planning to commercialize could help them beat us to market with new offerings. Additionally, if competitors can discover what chemicals we are testing and then determine what chemicals aren't commercialized, that gives them a competitive advantage as well. They can potentially learn from our failings, thereby saving them time and resources that we have already invested
Chemical Name (Part I Section B.1.b)	>	Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement. Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. While Molecular Formula can't be kept CBI after commercialization, we claim this information as CBI prior to commercialization. We do this to avoid our competitor's knowing our future plans for new tracer products. Knowing the types of chemicals we are planning to commercialize could help them beat us to market with new offerings. Additionally, if competitors can discover what chemicals we are testing and then determine what chemicals aren't commercialized, that gives them a competitive advantage as well. They can potentially learn from our failings, thereby saving them time and resources that we have already invested
Molecular Formula (Part I Section B.1.d)	~	Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement. Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. While Molecular Formula can't be kept CBI after commercialization, we claim this information as CBI prior to commercialization. We do this to avoid our competitor's knowing our future plans for new tracer

		products. Knowing the types of chemicals we are planning to
		commercialize could help them beat us to market with new offerings. Additionally, if competitors can discover what chemicals we are testing and then determine what chemicals aren't commercialized, that gives them a competitive advantage as well. They can potentially learn from our failings, thereby saving them time and resources that we have already invested Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial
Chemical Structure Diagram for Class I (Part I Section B.1.e)	✓	distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement. Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. While Molecular Formula can't be kept CBI after commercialization, we claim this information as CBI prior to commercialization. We do this to
		avoid our competitor's knowing our future plans for new tracer products. Knowing the types of chemicals we are planning to commercialize could help them beat us to market with new offerings. Additionally, if competitors can discover what chemicals we are testing and then determine what chemicals aren't commercialized, that gives them a competitive advantage as well. They can potentially learn from our failings, thereby saving them time and resources that we have already invested.
Precursor Substances Class II (Part I Section B.1.e.1)		Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Reaction or Process for Class II (Part I Section B.1.e.2)		Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Range of Composition and Typical Composition for Class II (Part I Section B.1.e.3)	П	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Polymer Information (Part I Section B.2.a)		Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement. Click or tap here to enter text, if applicable.
Monomer or Other Reactant Specific Chemical Name (Part I Section B.2.b.1)		Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim

Monomer or Other Reactant Specific Chemical Name Typical Composition (Part I Section B.2.b.3)	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Monomer or Other Reactant Specific Chemical Name Include in Identity (Part I Section B.2.b.4)	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Monomer or Other Reactant Specific Chemical Name Max Residual (Part I Section B.2.b.6)	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Current Chemical Abstracts (CA) Name and Number for Polymer (Part I Section B.2.d)	Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement. Click or tap here to enter text, if applicable.
Chemical Structure Diagram (Part I Section B.2.e)	Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement. Click or tap here to enter text, if applicable.
Impurities (Part I Section B.3)	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Synonyms (Part I Section B.4)	Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement. Click or tap here to enter text, if applicable.
Trade Identification (Part I Section B.5)	Exempt prior to the substance first being offered for commercial distribution – for PMN, LVE, TMEA, and LOREX submissions, no substantiation is required for CBI claims on this specific data element. Submitters of SNUNs and requests to modify an LVE or LOREX may not be exempt from this substantiation requirement.

		The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, trade identification) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location and operations is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website). The trade names of our tracers are used to identify our specific products to our clients; as such, these names are publicly available. However, there is no public information that links the trade name to the specific chemical used to create that tracer substance. We have filed for, and received, trade identification protection for this information from various state regulatory agencies (see below)	
Byproducts (Part I Section B.7)		Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim	
Part I Section C. Production, Import and Use Information	CBI Claim	Substantiation (Explain how public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.)	
Production Volume (Part I Section C.1)	>	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim	
Category of Use (Part I Section C.2.a.1)	>	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim	
Use Production (Part I Section C.2.a.4)	>	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim	
% in Formulation (Part I Section C.2.a.6)	>	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim	
% of Substance Expected Per Use (Part I Section C.2.a.8)	>	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim	
Part II Section A Industrial Sites Controlled by the Submitter	CBI Claim	Substantiation (Explain how public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.)	
Site Identity (Part II Section A.1.a) Provide a detailed substantiation explaining how/why the release of this data element information will substantially harm your company.	>	The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in	

		the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).
Number of Sites (Part II Section A.1.a) Provide a detailed substantiation explaining how/why the release of this data element information will substantially harm your company.	V	The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).
Site Operations (Part II Section A.1.b) Provide a detailed substantiation explaining how/why the release of this data element information will substantially harm your company.	▽	The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location and operations is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).
Amount and Duration (Part II Section A.1.c)	✓	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Process Description (Part II Section A.1.d)	7	Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Worker Activity (Part II Section A.2.1) Provide a detailed substantiation explaining how/why the release of this data element information will substantially harm your company.	>	The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location and worker activity is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).

Physical Form(s) & % New Substance (Part II Section A.2.5)	V	The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to prevent our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing methods, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location, worker activity, and processes—including physical forms and % new substanceis not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).
# of Workers Exposed (Part II Section A.2.8) Provide a detailed substantiation explaining how/why the release of this data element information will substantially harm your company.	✓	The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to keep our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location, worker activity, etc is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).
Maximum Duration (Part II Section A.2.10-11)		The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to prevent our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing methods, and our analytical methods. The information on our site location, worker activity, and processes is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).
Release Number and Amount of New Substance Released (Part II Section A.3.1-2)		Click or tap here to enter text.
Medium of Release and Control Technology and Efficiency (Part II Section A.3.4-5)		

Destinations of Releases to Water (Part II Section A.3.7)		
Part II Section B Industrial Sites Controlled by Others	CBI Claim	Substantiation (Explain how public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.)
Operation Description (Part II Section B.1)		Exempt – No substantiation required for this specific data element claim
Letter of Activity and # of Workers Exposed (Part II Section B.2.1-2) Provide a detailed substantiation explaining how/why the release of this data element information will substantially harm your company.		Click or tap here to enter text.
Duration of Exposure (Part II Section B.2.4) Provide a detailed substantiation explaining how/why the release of this data element information will substantially harm your company.		Click or tap here to enter text.
Protective Equipment/Engineering Controls/Physical Form/ % New Substance/% in Formulation (Part II Section B.2.6-7)		Click or tap here to enter text.
Release Number and Amount of New Substance Released (Part II Section B.2.9-10)		
Media of Release & Control Technology (Part II Section B.2.12)		
Byproducts (Part II Section B.2.14)		
Optional Pollution Prevention Information	CBI Claim	Substantiation (Explain how public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.)
Pollution Prevention Information (PMN page 11, Form page 16)	Y	The specific identity (name, molecular structure, etc) of our tracer chemicals can't be claimed confidential after commercialization. Therefore, we claim all information that links our company (name, location, operations, etc) to our specific chemical and its

		use. Our ability to offer many unique chemical tracers that can be used with both oil and aqueous fluids, but that can be analyzed in using our specific methods, gives us a competitive advantage in the market. We need to keep this information confidential to prevent our competitors from being able to reverse engineer our products, our manufacturing methods, and our analytical methods. The information in our pollution prevention informatin speaks to our processes—information that is already deemed CBI and exempt from substantiation. This information is not available on any of our public documents (e.g., our corporate website).
Physical and Chemical Properties Worksheet (PMN page 13, Form page 18)	Ŋ	Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. While Molecular Formula can't be kept CBI after commercialization, we claim this information as CBI prior to commercialization. We do this to avoid our competitor's knowing our future plans for new tracer products. Knowing the types of chemicals we are planning to commercialize could help them beat us to market with new offerings. Additionally, if competitors can discover what chemicals we are testing and then determine what chemicals aren't commercialized, that gives them a competitive advantage as well. They can potentially learn from our failings, thereby saving them time and resources that we have already invested.
Other information elements claimed as CBI		Click or tap here to enter text.
Part III. Attachments.	CBI Claim	Substantiation (Explain how public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.)
List of Attachments (Part III, PMN Page 12, form 17)		Click or tap here to enter text.
Health & safety studies or other test data (Note: TSCA section 14(b) places significant		Click or tap here to enter text.
limits on what health and safety data may be withheld as CBI.)		

		chemicals we are testing and then determine what chemicals aren't commercialized, that gives them a competitive advantage as well. They can potentially learn from our failings, thereby saving them time and resources that we have already invested.
Physical Chemistry Property Worksheet	V	Due to the length of time required to both process a PMN application as well as complete our R&D testing, we submit the application prior to commercialization. While Molecular Formula can't be kept CBI after commercialization, we claim this information as CBI prior to commercialization. We do this to avoid our competitor's knowing our future plans for new tracer products. Knowing the types of chemicals we are planning to commercialize could help them beat us to market with new offerings. Additionally, if competitors can discover what chemicals we are testing and then determine what chemicals aren't commercialized, that gives them a competitive advantage as well. They can potentially learn from our failings, thereby saving them time and resources that we have already invested.
Other:		Click or tap here to enter text.

II. ADDITIONAL Q	UESTIONS	
precautions has the bu	nitter has disclosed information to others (both internally and externally), was iness taken? Please identify the measures or internal controls the business tion claimed as confidential.	
1. Non-disclosure ag	reement required prior to access.	✓ Yes □ No
2. Access is limited to	to individuals with a need-to-know.	✓ Yes □ No
1 7	visically secured (e.g. locked in room or cabinet) or electronically secured ord protected, etc.).	✓ Yes □ No
4. Other internal con	trol measure(s). (If yes please explain below.)	✓ Yes □ No
	PMN chemicals are redacted from empty containers before they are dispose ork associated with shipments is shredded prior to disposal.	ed of as
not limited to) safety	claimed as confidential appear in any public documents, including (but data sheet, advertising or promotional material, professional or trade her media or publications available to the general public?	☐ Yes ✓ No
Click or tap here to enter	text.	
)	mation you are claiming as CBI contain (a) trade secret(s) ¹ ? (If yes, information is being claimed as (a) trade secret(s).)	✓ Yes □ No

Several state agencies have granted trace secret or commercial information exemption from disclothe Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.	
the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission. The synonyms listed in the application are the identifiers w	
product and on such reports as FracFocus.	we use on out
D. For what period do you assert the claim of confidentiality (please indicate between 1-10 years certain event)? ²	or until a
Click or tap here to enter text.	
E. Has EPA, another federal agency, or court made any confidentiality determination regarding information associated with this substance? (If yes, please explain the outcome of that determination and provide a copy of the previous confidentiality determination or any other information that will assist in identifying the prior determination.)	☐ Yes ☑ No
Click or tap here to enter text.	
F. (Applicable only to SNUNs or to requests to modify a granted LVE or LOREX submission AND chemical identity is claimed as confidential.) When this chemical substance leaves the site of in any form, e.g., as product, effluent, emission, what measures are taken to guard against the distributive. When the chemical substance leaves the site in a product that is available to the product competitors, can the chemical substance be identified by analysis of the product?	manufacture discovery of
Click or tap here to enter text.	
Additional comments:	
Click or tap here to enter text.	
III.SUBSTANTIATION CERTIFICATION	
Do you wish to claim this substantiation as CBI? TSCA section 14(c) requires that persons asserting a CBI claim shall certify to the validity of the claims. By the marking of a yes, you are certifying to the truth of the below statements.	▼ Yes
	□ No
I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that all information entered on this form	n is
complete and accurate.	
I further certify that, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 2613(c), for all claims for confidentiality made with this	

(i) My company has taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the information;

(ii) I have determined that the information is not required to be disclosed or otherwise made available to the public under any other Federal law;

submission, all information submitted to substantiate such claims is true and correct, and that it is true and

(iii) I have a reasonable basis to conclude that disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of my company; and

(iv) I have a reasonable basis to believe that the information is not readily discoverable through reverse engineering.

correct that

Any knowing and willful misrepresentation is subject to criminal penalty pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

¹ "Trade secret" is defined as "a secret, commercially valuable plan, formula, process, or device that is used for the making, preparing, compounding, or processing of trade commodities and that can be said to be the end product of either innovation or substantial effort." Public Citizen Health Research Group v. FDA, 704 F.2d 1280, 1288 (D.C. Cir. 1983).

² Information with withdrawn CBI claims may be made available to the public without further notice.